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[Despatch Abstract.]

PANCHAYATS — Banking Account with Treasuries — Drawal of Cheques by Illiterate Presidents — Orders Issued.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
(ABSTRACT)

PANCHAYATS - Banking account with treasuries - Drawal of cheques by illiterate Presidents - Orders issued.

Finance Department.

G.O.Ms.No.1267. Dated the 12th.September 1953
Read the following:

From the Accountant General, T4.D.B.F./886, dated the 21st November 1952.
From the Reserve Bank India, Madras, PAD 1573/Genl.53, dated the 31st March 1953.

O R D E R:

According to Subsiduary Rule 2(h) under Treasury Rule 16 of Madras Treasury Code Volume I, if a claimant or drawn is unable to sign his name, his mark or thumb impression may be accepted as a sufficient acquittance for the payment, provided a person known to the treasury or the bank appears with the drawar and indentifies him and attests his mark or thumb impression in token of its genuineness. There is no similar provision for drawers of cheques. A case has been brought to the notice of the Government by the Accountant General where the President of a Panchayat is illiterate and cannot, therefore, sign his mame in any language on the cheques, and the question has been raised by him whether payments can be made to Presidents of Panchayats who are illiterate marksmen on the authority of cheques drawn by them under their thumb impression.

2. The Government have examined the position in consultation with the Reserve Bank of India and direct that, in the case of an illiterate President of a Panchayat, who is unable to sign his name in any language and who has to draw a cheque on a Treasury or a Bank by furnishing his thumb impression on the cheque, no payment should be made unless some person well-known to the Treasury or the Bank, as the case may be, appears with the drawer and identifies him and attests his thumb impression in token of its genuineness, and that, the person atresting the thumb impression should be one who is not employed in the Treasury or the Bank or the Panchayat and should furnish his address.

3. The following amendments to the Madras Treasury Code, Volume I are issued:

AMENDMENTS.

I. Subsiduary Rule 2(h) under Treasury Rule 16:-

Add the following at the end of this rule:

'Similarly when an illiterate person who is unable to sign his name in any language draws a cheque on the Treasury or the Bank by furnishing his thumb impression on the cheque no payment shall be made unless some person known to the Treasury or the Bank as the case may be, appears with the drawer and identifies him and attests his thumb impression in token of its genuineness. The person who attests the thumb impression should be one who is not employed in the Treasury or the Bank or the Paychayat and he should also furnish

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his address.'

II. Subsidiary Rule 2(g) under Treasury Rule 16:-

Add the following by a Note under this rule:

'NOTE:-When an illiterate person endorses a bill or a cheque or other vouchers by means of his thumb impression, he should affix the thumb impression in the presence of the Treasury Officer and have it attested by a person well known to the Treasury. The person attesting the thumb impression should be one who is not employed in the Treasury or the Bank or the Panchayat and he should also furnish his address'

R. RANGACHARI,
Additional Deputy Secretary to Government.

To

The Accountant-General, Madras (in duplicate)
All Treasury Officer's and Sub-Treasury Officer's.
Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards for communication to all Presidents of Panchayat.
The Local Administration Department.
Copy to the Board of Revenue.
Copy to the Reserve Bank of India, Madras.
Agent, Imperial Bank of India, Madras.
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Forwarded/By order.

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